35.

THE Writ of Quo Warranto

Served upon the

Lord MAYOR, COMMONALTY, and CITIZENS of *LONDON*,

To inquire by what Authority they uſe and lay Claim to their LIBERTIES, PRIVILEDGES, and FRANCHISES.

Per Jud. Mich. xxxiii Car. Secund. Reg.

Lond. ſſ. *MEmorandum quod* Robertus Sawyer *Miles*, *Attorn. Dom. Regis nunc Generalis*, *qui pro eodem Dom. Rege in hac parte ſequitur*, *in propria perſona ſua ven. hic in Cur. dict. Dom. Regis coram ipſo Rege apud* Weſtm. *die Lunæ prox. poſt quinden' S. Martini iſto eodem term'*, *& pro eodem Dom. Rege dat Cur. hic Intelligi & Informari*, *quod Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat.* Lond. *præd. per ſpacium unius Menſis jam ult. elapſ. & amplius uſi fuerunt & adhuc utuntur*, *ac clamant habere & uti abſque aliquo Warranto ſive Regali Conceſſione infra Civit.* Lond. *præd. & Libertat. & Præcinct. ejuſdem Civitat. diverſis Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. ſequen. videl. Fore de ſeipſis unum Corpus Corporat. & Politicum in nomine Majoris & Civitat. ac Civium Civitat.* London. *ac per idem nomen placitare & implacitari, reſpondere & reſponderi, ac etiam habere Vicecomit. Civitat. & Comitat. Civitat.* Lond. *& nominare & eligere ex ſeipſis duas perſonas fore Vicecomit. Civitat. præd. & Com. ejuſdem Civitat. Ac ill. ſic nominat. & elect. præficere & conſtituere Vic. Civit. præd. & Com. ejuſdem Civitat. ad Execution. & Retorn. omnium Brevium, Billarum, & Præceptorum Dom. Regis pro Adminiſtratione & Executione Juſtic. infra Civit. præd. & Com. ejuſdem Civit. exequend. faciend. ac ad faciend. & exequend. omnia & ſingula al. infra Civit. præd. & Com. ejuſdem Civit. quæ ad Officium Vic. faciend. pertinent. Ac etiam habere Vic. Com.* Middleſex, *& nominare eligere & conſtituere ex ſeipſis Vic. Com.* Middleſex, *pro eodem Com. ut Vicecomes inde deſervitur. ac omnia Brevia, Billas, & præcepta Dom. Regis infra Com.* Middleſex *præd. pro Adminiſtratione & Executione Juſtic. ibid. exequend. & retorn. inde faciend. abſque aliqua Commiſſione ſive aliquibus Literis Patentibus à Dom. Rege inde obtent. ſive obtinend. Ac etiam quod Major & Aldermanni ejuſdem Civit. fuerunt Juſtic. Dom. Regis ad pacem infra Civit. præd. conſervand. ac ad Seſſiones pacis & placita Coronæ infra eandem Civit. tenend. ac ad omnes Felon. Riot. & Conventic. illicit. infra Civit. præd. inquirend. audiend. & terminand. Authoritate ipſorum propria, abſque aliqua Commiſſione, ſive al. Authoritate à Dom. Rege in ea parte conceſſ. ſive obtent. De quibus quidem omnibus & ſingulis Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit.* London. *præd. per totum tempus ſupradictum, ſupra dictum Dom. Regem nunc uſurpaverunt & adhuc uſurpant in dict. Dom. Regis nunc Contempt. Prærogativæ ſuæ Regiæ grave dampnum & præjudicium. Unde idem Attornat. dict. Dom. Regis nunc General. pro eodem Dom. Rege pet. Adviſament. Cur. hic in præmiſſ. & debit. Legis Proceſ. verſus præfat. Major. & Communitat. ac Cives Civit.* Lond. *præd. in hac parte fieri ad reſpondend. dict. Dom. Regi* Quo Warranto *clamant habere, uti & gaudere Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. ſupradict. &c.*

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In Engliſh thus:

By the JUDGES *in* Michaelmas *Term, in the Thirty Third Year of* Car. II. *KING of* England, *&c.*

Lond. ff. MEmorand'. That *Robert Sawyer* Knight, our Lord the Kings Attorney General, who on this behalf proſecutes for our ſaid Lord the King, appears here in his own perſon in the Court of our ſaid Lord the King, before the King himſelf at *Weſtminſter* on *Munday* next after the *Quindene* of St. *Martin* (*viz.* Nov. 27.) in the ſame Term, and for our ſaid Lord the King, gives this Court to underſtand and be informed, That the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, for the ſpace of one month laſt paſt, and longer, have uſed, and do yet uſe, and claim to have and uſe (without any Warrant or Royal Grant) within the City of *London* aforeſaid, and the Liberties and Precincts of the ſaid City, divers Liberties, Priviledges, & Franchiſes following, to wit, To be of themſelves one Body Corporate and Politick, in the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by the ſame Name to implead and be impleaded, to anſwer and be anſwered; And alſo to have a Sheriff of the City and County of the City of *London*, and to Nominate and Elect out of themſelves two perſons, *One* to be the Sheriff of the City aforeſaid, and of the County of the ſame City, and him ſo nominated and elected to prefer and conſtitute Sheriff of the City aforeſaid and of the County of the ſaid City, for the Execution and Return of all Breve's, Bills, and Precepts of our Lord the King, for the adminiſtration and execution of the Juſtice within the City aforeſaid, and County of the ſame City, to be executed and done, and to do and execute all and every the other things within the City aforeſaid, and County of the ſame, that belong to the Office of a Sheriff: And alſo to Nominate, Elect and Conſtitute *Another* perſon out of themſelves for the Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex*, for the ſaid County to ſerve as Sheriff for the ſame, and to execute there and make return of all Breve's, Bills and Precepts of our Lord the King within the County of *Middleſex* aforeſaid, for the adminiſtration & execution of Juſtice, without any Commiſſion or Letters Patents obtained or to be obtained from our Lord the King on that behalf: And alſo, that the Mayor & Aldermen of the ſaid City, have been Juſtices of our Lord the King to keep the Peace within the ſaid City, and to hold Seſſions of the Peace and Pleas of the Crown within the ſaid City, and all the Felonies, Riots and unlawful Conventicles within the ſaid City, to enquire into, hear and determine by their own proper authority, without any Commiſſion or other Authority from our Lord the King granted or obtained on that behalf. All and every of which Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes, the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, for all the ſaid time, have uſurped, and do ſtill uſurp over our ſaid Lord the King, to the contempt of our ſaid Lord the King, and to the great damage and prejudice of his Prerogative Royal. Whereupon the ſaid Attorney-General of our Lord the King, doth deſire for our ſaid Lord the King the Advice of this Court in the premiſſes, and due courſe of Law to be made againſt the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid on this behalf, to anſwer our ſaid Lord the King, *By what Warrant* they claim to have, uſe and enjoy the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes aforeſaid, *&c.*

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